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MAGNETIC ASSIST READ TRACK-WIDTH  
DEFINITION FOR A LEAD OVERLAY TOP  
SPIN-VALVE GMR HEAD

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation  
In An Application.

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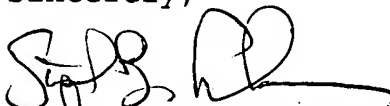
U.S. Patent 6,201,669 to Kakihara, "Magnetoresistive Element and Its Manufacturing Method," discusses a spin-valve type read element in which the lead layers are formed both beneath and on the sides of the element.

U.S. Patent 5,869,963 to Saito et al., "Magnetoresistive Sensor and Head," discusses a spin valve sensor formed of multiple spin valve laminates and using PtMn as the anti-ferromagnetic layer which allows lower annealing temperatures.

U.S. Patent 5,705,973 to Yuan et al., "Bias-Free Symmetric Dual Spin Valve Giant Magnetoresistance Transducer," discusses a dual spin valve formation with improved biasing of the free layer by forming pinned layers both above and below it.

U.S. Patent 5,828,530 to Gill et al., "Orthogonal Spin Valve Sensor with Reduced Net Field," discusses a spin valve sensor antisymmetrically located between upper and lower shield layers so that image currents in said shield layers cancel the effects of fields produced by the sense current within the sensor, which latter fields have the undesirable effect of stiffening the magnetic moment of the free layer.

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